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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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I. INTRODUCTION

The present communication responds to the Office Action mailed December 23, 2004.

The Action requires that Applicant restrict its invention to one of the characterized species in the Office Action and that Applicant elect the claims readable on the elected species.

In response to the election, Applicant requests to proceed with Species I which corresponds to Claims 1, 3-4, 12-16, 18, 20, 26, 27 and 29. The remaining claims, 2, 5-11, 17, 19, 21-25, 28 and 30-31 are withdrawn from consideration. The amendments to the claims begin on Page 4.

No amendments have been made to the specification.

No amendments have been made to the drawings.